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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

The MACo Web site has a page at <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 61th Montana Legislature. There you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, an archive of our weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearings calendars, committee listings, legislator contact information, and more.

Scheduled Hearings

The Senate Local Government Committee meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 p.m. in Room 405. The House Local Government Committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 172. MACo bills are shown below in **bold**.

Monday, Jan. 26

	Room	Time
HB 2 General appropriations act	102	8 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	317B	8 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	317C	8 a.m.
HB 5 Long-range building appropriations – include energy conservation	350	8 a.m.
HB 277 Allow person under 18 yrs to vote in primary if 18 yrs at general election	455	9 a.m.
HB 289 Revise constitutional limitations on legislative adjournment	455	9 a.m.
HB 2 General appropriations act	472	9 a.m.
SB 83 Confidentiality protection for review of emergency service calls	317C	3 p.m.
SB 63 Tax incentives for volunteer EMTs and their employers	317	3 p.m.
SJ 5 Continued interim monitoring of health care pricing and information disclosure	317C	3 p.m.
SB 95 Temporary nutrient criteria for discharge permits	422	3 p.m.
SJ 7 Opposition to HR 2421	422	3 p.m.
SB 102 Revise public water supply laws	422	3 p.m.
SB 101 Certification for wastewater	422	3 p.m.
SB 56 Extend open meeting rights to members of homeowner and landowner assoc.	405	3 p.m.
SB 245 Revise fiscal note law	317A	5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

	Room	Time
HB 283 Revise workers comp act on exemptions, claim examiners, safety funding	172	8:30 a.m.
SB 142 Repeal unisex insurance law provisions	422	9 a.m.
HB 134 Create and fund local government committee	102	3 p.m.
HB 187 Eliminate charges for motor vehicle registration	102	3 p.m.
HB 166 Increase DOJ prosecutor for fish and game law violations to full-time attorney	152	3 p.m.

Scheduled Hearings, cont.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, cont.

	Room	Time
HB 269 Revise monetary credit for jail service	172	3 p.m.
HB 272 Revise costs related to county sheriff's office	172	3 p.m.
SB 55 Generally revise fertilizer laws	472	3 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

	Room	Time
SB 24 Repeal Montana Consensus Council statutes	455	8 a.m.
SB 224 Transfer \$30 million from general fund to work comp old fund	422	9 a.m.
SB 254 Remove inflation index from minimum wage law	422	9 a.m.
SB 241 Taxpayer Right to Know Act-budget database website	335	3 p.m.
SB 243 Constitutional amendment to require majority vote in general elections	335	3 p.m.
SB 208 Include nonprofit hospital employees in county health plan	317A	3 p.m.
SB 220 Partial salary for detention officer injured in performance of duty	405	3 p.m.
SB 255 Include additional forms of indebtedness in annexation of fire districts	405	3 p.m.
SB 147 Revise the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act	422	3 p.m.
SB 149 Change of use for municipal or county water and sewer districts	422	3 p.m.
SB 200 Restrict phosphorous cleaning products in certain areas	422	3 p.m.
SB 120 Revise the controlled groundwater area petition laws	422	3 p.m.
HJ 7 Urge modification of federal wildfire policy	472	3 p.m.
HB 44 Revise DNRC participation in federal forest management planning	472	3 p.m.
HB 140 Increase excess sustained yield authority for forest health	472	3 p.m.
HB 139 DNRC intervention authority in federal forest management projects	472	3 p.m.
HJ 4 Urge authority for gubernatorial wildfire fuel hazard crisis	472	3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29

	Room	Time
SB 35 Committing jurisdiction forward physical and mental health information to prison	137	8 a.m.
HB 256 Allow rural fire districts to charge fee for emergency services	172	3 p.m.
HB 230 Revise local government employee incentive program	172	3 p.m.
HB 253 Wild Buffalo Recovery and Conservation Act	303	3 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30

	Room	Time
SB 40 Clarify friend of respondent in involuntary commitment laws	137	8 a.m.
SB 201 Revise Crow Tribe water compact to allow change in use escrow account	422	3 p.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: This calendar was revised by legislative leadership Dec. 4, 2008; leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within two legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a six-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan. 24:	Last day to request Revenue Bills
Feb. 16:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills
Feb. 26:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber
Feb. 27-28:	Transmittal Break
March 18:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 20:	Last day for Committee to request Revenue Bills
March 26:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
March 31:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 2:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolution or Committee Bills to implement HB2
April 14:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions

Projected Session Calendar, cont.

April 20: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
 April 25: Session adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status-Date
HB 18	Mail ballot pilot project	2008-23	Ingraham	Hearing-1/14
HB 38	Revise laws to reflect passage of six-mill levy	2008-22	Campbell	TX to Senate-1/22
HB 45	Compliance w/ federal law for forest reserve payments	MACoBd	Ingraham	TX to Senate-1/16
HB 81	Study long-term impacts of budget/demographics		Lake	Hearing-1/20
HB 156	Uniform penalty/enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	Pomnichowski	Hearing-1/20
HB 180*	Montana-based business technology districts	2008-38	Pomnichowski	Tabled in committee-1/15
HB 190	Clarify stream access from bridges/fencing	2008-11	Cooney	Passed as amended-1/22
HB 194	County payment from hard rock mining trust account	2008-24	Mendenhall	Re-referred to committee-1/13
HB 230	Revise local government employee incentive program	2008-15	McClafferty	Hearing-1/29
HB 244	Clarify law on absence by county officer	2008-01	Ankney	Hearing-1/20
HB 245	Authorize counties to create compensated absence fund	2008-09	Ankney	Hearing-1/22
HB 279	Indirect cost recovery exemption	2008-35	Reinhart	Referred to committee-1/16
HB 276	Clarify responsibility for persons injured by law enforcement	2008-20	Stoker	Hearing-2/4
HB 331	Revise laws relating to licensed establishments f/ health	2008-18	Kaufmann	Referred to committee-1/22
SB 30	Revise reimbursement for meals, lodging	MACoEC	Gebhardt	Tabled in committee-1/9
SB 57	Revise laws governing special districts	2008-33	Gillan	Hearing-1/7
SB 58	Revise local government laws	2008-33	Gillan	Hearing-1/7
SB 78	Clarify mill levy limit for soil conservation districts	2008-31	Brendan	Bill passed-1/20
SB 148	Revise and clarify local government laws	2008-26	Peterson	Hearing-1/19
SB 169	Revise drug testing requirements for public officers	2008-13	Gebhardt	Referred to committee-1/22
SB 191	Provide funding for court security	2008-11	Jent	Hearing-1/16
SB 208	Include non-profit hospital employees in co. health plan	MACoHCT	Lewis	Hearing-1/28
SJ 7	Opposition to HR 2421	2008-08	Brendan	Hearing-1/26
LC0605	Revise territory transfer laws relating to K-12 school dists.	2008-29	L. Jones	Draft on hold-1/8
LC0606	Revise laws governing electric transmission lines	2008-12	L. Jones	Draft on hold-11/12
LC0659	Authorize local governments to form investment pool	2008-30	Lewis	Draft on hold-11/19
LC0942	Revise laws governing local subdivision regulations	2008-07	Brueggeman	Draft on hold-1/8
LC0943	Revise impact fee laws	2008-19	Brueggeman	Draft back f/ redo-1/21
LC1089	Funding for grants to counties under youth court act	2008-40	McChesney	Draft on hold-12/8
LC1342	State PILT payment to offset state land purchases	2008-34	Bean	Draft on hold-12/10
LC1922	Clarify appt. of commissioners for regional airport authority	2008-03	Milburn	Draft in legal review-1/15
LC1936	Create youth summer employment program	2006-14	Branæ	Draft cancelled-1/15
LC 2121	Revise requirements for technology districts	2008-38	Pomnichowski	Draft request rec.-1/13

* HB 180 has been replaced by LC2121

Recently Introduced Bills

No.	Title
SB 220	Partial salary for detention officer injured in performance of duty
SB 221	Revise laws related to animal cruelty re: animal hoarding
SB 224	Transfer \$30 million from general fund to work comp old fund
SB 227	Electronic filing and additional campaign reports
SB 228	Prioritize protecting humans, livestock, and pets from predators
SB 231	Revise the impact fee enabling act to require service area report
SB 234	Insurance coverage for autism
SB 243	Constitutional amendment to require majority vote in general elections
SB 245	Revise fiscal note law

Recently Introduced Bills, cont.

No.	Title
SB 254	Remove inflation index from minimum wage law
SB 255	Include additional forms of indebtedness in annexation of fire districts
SB 256	Revise access to youth court records for JDIP evaluations
SB 258	Revise oil and gas tax holiday
SB 262	Allow per unit assessment in water and sewer districts
SB 265	Local option fuel tax in urban transportation districts
SB 266	Eliminate member contribution requirements for DROP participants of MPORS
HB 204	Revise work comp law re independent contractor for 10-year period
HB 244	Clarify law on absence by county officer
HB 245	Authorize counties to create compensated absence fund
HB 248	Require party designation at voter registration
HB 249	Tax perpetual conservation easements – publicly owned are taxable
HB 251	Create FEMA fire reimbursement fund
HB 253	Wild Buffalo Recovery and Conservation Act
HB 254	Monitor and report on greenhouse gas emissions
HB 256	Allow rural fire districts to charge fee for emergency services
HB 257	Revise pharmacy laws
HB 263	Ensure patient's right to know costs of medical procedures
HB 264	Patient's right to know insurer coverage provisions for medical procedures
HB 267	Prescription drug database and monitoring program
HB 272	Revise costs related to county sheriff's office
HB 273	Revise costs related to search and rescue
HB 277	Allow person under 18 yrs to vote in primary if 18 yrs at general election
HB 279	Revise laws relating to transportation
HB 280	Community Health Center support act
HB 283	Revise workers compensation act on exemptions, claims examiners, safety funding
HB 292	Expedited partner care for STD
HB 293	Law enforcement certification for certain former military personnel
HB 296	Tribal fish and game wardens as ex officio wardens under cooperative agreement
HB 300	Revise medical savings account laws
HB 308	Allow donation of food as method of serving sentence of community service
HB 312	Increase population requirement for resort tax purposes
HB 313	Revise opencut mining laws
HB 319	Require proof of other permit applications for opencut mining
HB 320	Eliminate front license plate requirement for certain vehicles
HB 321	Clarify local government authority regarding public water and sewer
HB 324	Optional firearm purchase by retiring law enforcement personnel
HB 325	Assured coverage of colon cancer screening
HB 326	Require signatures on construction lien releases
HB 328	Revise petition requirements for certain candidates
HB 329	Donut area population included in resort community population
HB 331	Revise laws relating to licensed establishments for health purposes
HJ 11	Study ramifications of federal FMLA on government and business